

Sarah Teasdale

The India Wharf

Sara Teasdale was an American lyric poet. (1884-1933)

A year ago we walked in the jangling city

Together forgetful. One by one we crossed the avenues, Rivers of light, roaring in tumult, And came to the narrow, knotted streets. Thru the tense crowd We went aloof, ecstatic, walking in wonder, Unconscious of our motion. Forever the foreign people with dark, deep-seeing eyes Passed us and passed. Lights and foreign words and foreign faces, I forgot them all; I only felt alive, defiant of all death and sorrow, Sure and elated.

That was the gift you gave me. . . .

The streets grew still more tangled, And led at last to water black and glossy, Flecked here and there with lights, faint and far off. There on a shabby building was a sign "The India Wharf " . . . and we turned back.

> I always felt we could have taken ship And crossed the bright green seas To dreaming cities set on sacred streams And palaces Of ivory and scarlet.

Read by Andrew K Waugh; Algy Pug; Anders Stigö; Claudia Salto; David Lawrence; Jason Mills; J Korth; Jannie Meisberger; Lee Ann Howlett; Leonard Wilson and Rosslyn Carlyle. . Total running time: 0:19:37

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